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SUBJ: REPORTED GOK CONFISCATION OF PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

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1. ACCORDING PERM SEC AND DEPUTY PERM SEC OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AS WELL AS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR MWINGI AREA, KENYAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS NOT CONFISCATED, NATIONALIZED, OR OTHERWISE ALTERED STATUS OF ROLAND ARMES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BUILDING IN KITUI DISTRICT.

2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, HOWEVER, CLOSING OF THIS HOSPITAL IN OCTOBER 1976 BY INDEPENDENT BOARD FOR PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN MISSIONS LEFT RESIDUE OF CONSIDERABLE BITTERNESS IN KITUI. HOSPITAL, WHICH BELONGS TO INDEPENDENT BOARD HAD BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE 1948 AND WAS ONLY MEDICAL FACILITY SERVING OVER 100,000 PEOPLE. DIFFICULTIES BEGAN WHEN LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF HOSPITAL ORGANIZED AND JOINED DOMESTIC AND HOTEL WORKERS UNION. POSITION OF INDEPENDENT BOARD WAS THAT THEIR FAITH DID NOT PERMIT THEM TO OPERATE WITH LABOR UNIONS IN THEIR MIDST. AT LAST MINUTE, TO SAVE HOSPITAL FOR COMMUNITY, UNION AGREED TO DISBAND LOCAL AT THIS HOSPITAL AND ENTER INTO MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE LABOR/ MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT OR AD HOC BASIS. AFTER OBTAINING LEGAL GUIDANCE, BOARD OF PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN MISSIONS

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TURNED DOWN PROPOSAL ON GROUNDS THAT AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS WHICH CONTRAVENED KENYAN LAWS GUARANTEEING RIGHT OF WORKERS TO ORGANIZE WAS ALSO UNSATISFACTORY.

3. IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELEVANT THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT BOARD IS REVEREND CARL MACINTYRE, WHO WAS DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA AND EXPELLED FROM KENYA IN 1975

AS A RESULT OF COMMENTS HE MADE CONCERNING SITUATION IN
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